

REMARKS

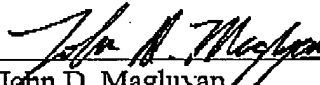
This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 20, 2005. Claims 28 and 30 are pending in the application, with Claims 1 to 27, 29 and 31 to 33 having been cancelled. Claims 28 and 30 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 28 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claims. In keeping with the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 28 and 30, Applicants have rewritten each of these claims into independent form and to include the limitations of their respective base claims. Consequently, Claims 28 and 30 as amended are seen to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action entered rejections of Claims 1 to 10, 27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,627,565 (Morishita), Claims 11 to 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Morishita in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,515,079 (Hauck), and Claims 18 to 26 and 31 to 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Morishita in view of Hauck. Claims 1 to 27, 29 and 31 to 33 have been cancelled, and the remaining claims are seen to be in condition for allowance for the reasons noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance. In particular, a divisional application is being prepared, to pursue the rejected subject matter. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejections.

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